REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ZONING AND PLANNING

Voting Members:

Ikaika Anderson, Chair; Breene Harimoto, Vice-Chair; Ann H. Kobayashi, Ron Menor, Kymberly Marcos Pine

Committee Meeting Held November 21, 2013

Honorable Ernest Y. Martin Chair, City Council City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Zoning and Planning, to which was referred Resolution 13-245 entitled:

"RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 21, REVISED ORDINANCES OF HONOLULU 1990 (THE LAND USE ORDINANCE), AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DANCE AND MUSIC SCHOOLS,"

introduced on October 11, 2013 reports as follows:

The purpose of Resolution 13-245 is to require the Director of Planning and Permitting (DPP) to process an amendment to the Land Use Ordinance (LUO), ROH Chapter 21, concerning dance and music schools in the same manner as if that amendment had been proposed by the Director.

The proposed LUO amendment, attached as Exhibit "A" to the resolution, would establish dance and music schools as a permitted use in the I-1 Limited Industrial and I-2 Intensive Industrial zoning districts.

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At your Committee's meeting on November 21, 2013, the Director of Planning and Permitting stated that his department is concerned that permitting dance and music schools in industrial districts may lead to displacement of industrial uses, some of which are only permitted in the industrial zoning districts. The Director noted that the long-term solution may be to rezone certain lands in the I-1 and I-2 zoning districts to the IMX-1 Industrial-Commercial Mixed Use zoning district, in which dance and music schools are permitted. Representatives of the DPP also suggested that an alternative to the proposal may be to amend the definition of "amusement and recreation facilities, indoor", which is a permitted use in the industrial zoning districts, to include dance and music schools.

Your Committee notes that the Director did not request any documentation from the Council within 30 days of receipt of notice of introduction of this resolution (see CC-202 and D-786 (2013)), which, by operation of ROH Section 2-24.3(b), constitutes a waiver of any objection for insufficient accompanying documentation.

Your Committee received testimony supporting the resolution from 59 individuals, a petition supporting the resolution with 466 signatures, and testimony from four individuals offering comments.

Your Committee finds that the LUO amendment proposed in this resolution appears to be consistent with the General Plan and Development Plans of the City and it appears that, if enacted, it would be in the best interests of the people of the City and County of Honolulu.

Your Committee Chair acknowledges the concerns expressed by the DPP and urges the Department to work with Councilmember Harimoto, the introducer of the resolution, as it processes the proposal.

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Your Committee on Zoning and Planning is in accord with the intent and purpose of Resolution 13-245 and recommends its adoption. (Ayes: Anderson, Harimoto, Kobayashi, Pine – 4; Noes: None; Excused: Menor - 1.)

Respectfully submitted,

Committee Chair

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